



April 22, 2014

To whom it may concern:

Today I was called upon to do a post mortem exam of "Candy", a female blue heeler belonging to Cole Middleton. Candy was involved in an altercation with a law enforcement agent on Mr. Middleton's property on April 19, 2014. I was asked to determine by the pathology of the tissues, the trajectory of the bullet; more specifically the entry point of the bullet.

I exhumed Candy and conducted a necropsy focused on the bullet wound. There was an approximate 1 cm hole in the skin caudal ventral to the right ear at approximately 2 cm caudal ventral to the base of the right pinna at the level of the stylohyoid bone. Soft tissue damage was limited to ventral and medial to her right zygomatic bone. The zygomatic and temporal processes were sheared off, leaving the zygomatic arch unattached and the right eye socket damaged. From here the soft tissue damage extended rostrally until 2 projectiles left the skin, one caudal dorsal and one caudal ventral to the right eye approximately 2 cm caudally.

In my estimation, based on my pathology findings, the trajectory of the bullet could best be described as caudal rostral, i.e. from the back of the head towards the nose. These findings suggest that Candy was shot while retreating from the shooter. Any questions can be directed to me at [iacowdr@yahoo.com](mailto:iacowdr@yahoo.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Bankston".

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